



Monday 20th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

SUBJECT: Ofsted Inspection Outcome 2024

As you will recall, our school was inspected by Ofsted on 3rd and 4th of December 2024 and the final report has now been sent to us. This report is due to be published on the Ofsted website in the coming days.

You may be aware that Ofsted recently moved away from judging schools with a single grade; schools now receive gradings for each area of the inspection framework (Quality of Education, Behaviour & Attitudes, Personal Development and Leadership & Management). Risedale received the **Requires Improvement** grade for each of these areas.

Whilst we appreciate that this represents a shift away from the school's previous 'Good' judgement in 2019 (when the school was last inspected), we feel that this was a fair judgement for the point the school was at when inspected. I am pleased to report that inspectors recognised that improvements have been actioned since September and that standards and expectations have been raised. The report has a clear thread of positivity and acknowledges the hard work of staff to implement changes last term.

I want to draw your attention to the following feedback we received:

- 'Pupils feel safe at the school.'
- 'The new headteacher has raised standards and expectations.'
- 'Pupils build positive relationships with staff at the school.'
- 'The school has raised expectations for standards of behaviour.'
- 'The school is increasingly ambitious for its pupils.'
- 'There is an air of optimism about the future.'

I also want to personally thank everyone who completed Ofsted's Parent View survey. This is such valuable feedback and was shared with us via inspectors. Leaders are using this to continue to shape the improvements we make as the school evolves.

You can access the report in full here: [Risedale School Ofsted Report 2024](#)

What this means for us now:

- Our School Improvement Plan was already in place before the inspection team came to Risedale and they have validated this, as can be seen in the report. We will be continuing to implement the actions in this plan, which are split into 6 key areas we want to improve: Quality of Education, Vision & Values, Behaviour, Attendance, Personal Development and Processes & Systems.
- We will be asking our pupils and families to support us as much as possible with our continuing improvement journey.





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A family of learners

RISEDALE SCHOOL

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- We will receive another inspection within approximately 2.5 years, when I hope Risedale will be graded '**Good**' in all areas. This is our aim and my clear ambition and purpose as Headteacher. I am wholeheartedly committed, as I stated when I arrived at Risedale, to ensuring that Risedale provides the very best opportunities for every single young person who comes through our doors.

Thank you once again for all the support you continue to give the school.

If you have any questions about the inspection specifically, please contact me directly at Greenwood.L@risedale.org.uk.

Best wishes,

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Mrs L Greenwood
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